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1. IN LIGHT OF REF A, AND AS THE RESULT OF HIGHEST LEVEL
VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF THE OUTSTANDING PROCEDURAL AND
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, WE CAN PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
GUIDANCE.

2. WE AGREE WITH THE VIEWS OF SOME OTHER ALLIED LEADERS
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THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ABANDON SET SPEECHES TO THE
EXTENT POSSIBLE DURING THE MAY 30 MORNING CLOSED PLENARY
SESSION, AND ASK HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT TO TABLE OR
DISTRIBUTE TEXTS IN ADVANCE IF THEY ARE WILLING. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT THIS DEPARTS FROM NATO PRACTICE, AND WE DO
NOT WANT TO DETRACT FROM THE ABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL ALLIED
LEADERS TO MEET THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL NEEDS, BUT YOU

SHOULD SEE WHETHER THE ALLIES WOULD AGREE IN THE INTEREST OF MAKING THE SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS AS PRODUCTIVE A GIVE-AND-TAKE AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE PRESIDENT WILL HOST AN INFORMAL LUNCH AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON MAY 30, OUTSIDE THE NATO FRAMEWORK, AND WILL INVITE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ONLY, REPEAT ONLY, INVITATIONS TO THIS LUNCH WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO CAPITALS. FOLLOWING THE LUNCH THE PRESIDENT IS AGREEABLE TO A BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS.

4. (FYI: WE ARE PURSUING THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL DECLARATION AT THE NATO SUMMIT WHICH WE SEE AS BEING LARGELY COORDINATED IN ADVANCE AND BEING COMPLETED BY HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT IN CONCERT WITH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE VERY RESTRICTED PART OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE FIRST DAY. THE SECRETARY HAS INFORMED SYG LUNS AND HAS ENLISTED HIS COOPERATION. OUR CONCERN IS TO KEEP THIS AT A HIGH LEVEL SO THAT THE DECLARATION WILL NOT BE WATERED DOWN. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT WILL COMMENT ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THEM AND THAT IT WILL BE NEGOTIATED BY NATO AMBASSADORS, ALONG WITH HIGH LEVEL ADVISERS FROM CAPITALS, IF DESIRED. THIS SPECIAL DECLARATION WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. CONTINUE FYI.
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5. IN PURSUIT OF THE IDEA OF HAVING A SPECIAL DECLARATION AT THE NATO SUMMIT, END FYI) YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THE AFTERNOON SESSION SHOULD BEGIN WITH ATTENDANCE BY HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT PLUS FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR A CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION, OF PERHAPS 45 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR, OF TOPICS RAISED DURING THE LUNCHEON CONVERSATION OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. (FYI - WE RECOGNIZE YOUR DIFFICULTY IN NOT YET BEING ABLE TO SPECIFY THAT ONE PURPOSE OF THIS VERY RESTRICTED SESSION IS TO COMPLETE WORK ON THE SPECIAL STATEMENT. AS SOON AS THE PRESIDENT HAS BROACHED THE IDEA OF SUCH A STATEMENT TO ALL ALLIED LEADERS, THIS DIFFICULTY SHOULD EASE. WE ALSO SEEK TO PLAY UP THE VALUE OF THIS SESSION FOR REAL HEADS OF DELEGATION INTERCHANGE, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE FRENCH PROBLEM OF THE LUNCH. END FYI.)

6. GUIDANCE IS IN PREPARATION CONCERNING QUESTIONS YOU RAISED ABOUT SECOND DAY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING AND LUNCH PLANS.

7. CONCERNING DEFENSE MINISTER ATTENDANCE AT DISCUSSION

OF TRANSATLANTIC ARMS COOPERATION ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE FIRST DAY, THIS TOPIC IS A SEPARATE LONDON INITIATIVE OF WHICH ALL FIFTEEN ALLIES HAVE BEEN COOPERATING. WE WOULD ENVISAGE DISCUSSION OF A NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF THIS SUBJECT INCLUDING A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN IEPG AND THE NORTH AMERICANS. WE EXPECT SOME HEADS OF

GOVERNMENT WILL WISH THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS TO ATTEND. OURS DOES. IT WILL, HOWEVER, BE A POLITICAL NOT A DEFENSE DISCUSSION, ONE IN WHICH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, NOT DEFENSE MINISTERS, WILL SPEAK FOR THEIR COUNTRIES. AS INDICATED, WE WILL HAVE A PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS WHO ARE IN WASHINGTON BUT CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. DETAILS
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TO FOLLOW.

8. WE DO NOT SEE ADVANTAGE FOR THE UNITED STATES OR FOR THE ALLIANCE IN LEGALISTIC DISCUSSIONS WHETHER THE WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT CONSISTS OF ONE OR TWO DISTINCT MEETINGS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE INTEND TO DEAL WITH IT AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE INTEND TO REFER TO THE MEETING AS "THE WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT" OR THE "NATO SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE." WHERE THIS IS MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY FRENCH AND TURKISH DIFFICULTIES, WE WILL ACCEDE TO THE INEVITABLE, BUT ONLY AS NECESSARY.

9. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUE IS SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLICATED. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE A SINGLE COMMUNIQUE OR SOME DEVICE THAT UNIFIES THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS WHICH ISSUE FROM SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS. HOWEVER, THE LTDP DOCUMENT, AS WE ENVISAGE IT, WILL BE AN INTEGRATED WHOLE WITH ITS OWN STYLISTIC IMPERATIVES. THEREFORE WE WISH TO SEE A SEPARATE RELEASE, EVEN IF IT SUBSEQUENTLY BECOMES PART OF, OR IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN, OR IS AN ANNEX TO THE BASIC COMMUNIQUE. WE SUPPORT RECONSTITUTION OF THE WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY IN PLENARY SESSION TO COMPLETE ANY REMAINING WORK FOR THE FIFTEEN AND TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE COMMUNIQUE.

10. (FYI. THE PRESIDENT HAS EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO HOLD BILATERALS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ONLY ONES HE HAS FORMALLY AGREED TO ARE WITH LUNS AND SCHMIDT. EANES, KARAMANLIS, ECEVIT, AND ANDREOTTI ALSO HAVE RAISED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF BILATERALS, HOWEVER, AND WE WILL
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BE REVIEWING THESE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END FYI.) CHRISTOPHER

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